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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: DRAFT US RESOLUTION ON STUDY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

1. AT RECENT 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
THE SECRETARY PROPOSED IN HIS APRIL 15 SPEECH FORMATION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE
COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF EARTH'S RESOURCES, INCLUDING
EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON
SURPLUSES AND SCARCITIES. US DELEGATION TO SPECIAL SESSION
SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT (BEING
SENT IN SEPTEL). THIS RES. IS ONLY ONE OF FOUR PASSED
ON BY SPECIAL SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION AT
57TH ECOSOC (GENEVA JULY 3 - AUG 2), BUT IT IS ONE ON WHICH
WE PLACE HIGH PRIORITY AND WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO ASSURE
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ITS PASSAGE. WE SEEK THE PARTICULAR SUPPORT OF GOVERN-
MENTS IN ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE,

MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT ON THIS DRAFT RES. AND REPORT REACTION SOONEST.

2. IN SEEKING VIEWS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT OUR RESOLUTION IS AIMED AT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS OF RESOURCES IN GENERAL, INCLUDING RELATED ENERGY QUESTIONS, AND THAT IT WILL BEGIN WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE ESSENTIAL INITIAL APPROACH, I.E., APPOINTMENT OF A GROUP OF

"EMINENT PERSONS", ASSISTED BY EXPERIENCED HANDS FROM UN SECRETARIAT, WHICH WILL EXAMINE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ALREADY MUCH), CLARIFY WHAT FURTHER INFORMATION GATHERING IS NEEDED AND RECOMMEND HOW TO PROCEED TOWARDS SECRETARY'S SUGGESTED EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. OUR RES. ALSO INCLUDES PROPOSAL TO MAKE USE OF EXISTING UN AGENCIES TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SOON-TO-BE-ESTABLISHED (IN TOKYO) UN UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH. IN INFORMAL NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS, USUN CONCLUDED THAT BOTH GERMAN AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT RES. ALONG THESE LINES.

3. HOST GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN PARIS, MAY INQUIRE ABOUT OUR VIEW ON FRENCH-SPONSORED RESOLUTION WHICH IS ANOTHER OF FOUR BEING PASSED ON TO ECOSOC AND WHICH HAS SOME SIMILARITIES TO OURS ON EMINENT PERSONS (FRENCH RES. INCLUDED IN SAME SEPTTEL WITH OURS). WE DO NOT BELIEVE US AND FRENCH RESOLUTIONS ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, BUT BELIEVE PASSAGE OF OURS IS ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP BEFORE USEFUL CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO BASIC IDEA IN FRENCH RES., I.E., ESTABLISHMENT OF "UN ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY".

4. ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY ALSO BE ASKED ABOUT OTHER TWO OF FOUR RESOLUTIONS PASSED FROM UNGA SPECIAL SESSION TO 57TH ECOSOC. THESE ARE: (A) ANOTHER FRENCH-SPONSORED RES., THIS ONE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, PARTICULARLY IN THE ENERGY FIELD, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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(B) SAUDI ARABIAN RES. PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE SMALL MINISTERIAL-LEVEL GROUPS TO REACH "CONCRETE AGREEMENT" ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES OTHER THAN ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE.

5. ENERGY IS THE CENTERPIECE OF BOTH OF THESE LATTER TWO DRAFTS AND SO WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT UNTIL RESULTS OF OTHER MULTILATERAL ENERGY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP ARE CLEARED. FACT THAT THESE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ON 57TH ECOSOC AGENDA MEANS, OF COURSE,

WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE POSITION BY THAT SESSION AND SO IF
HOST GOVERNMENTS VOLUNTEER ANY COMMENTS ON THEM, PLEASE
REPORT THOSE ALONG WITH VIEWS ON OUR EMINENT PERSONS RES.

POSTS MAY WISH TO SUGGEST, RE (A) ABOVE, THAT CREATION OF
AN INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE IS SUPERFLUOUS IN VIEW OF
ECOSOC'S PRESENT MANDATE FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION.

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